



**National Republican Congressional Committee**

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October 29, 1998

F. Andrew Turley, Esq.  
Central Enforcement Docket  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

**RE: MUR 4800: RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT**

Dear Mr. Turley:

On October 15, 1998, the National Republican Congressional Committee ("NRCC") received your letter notifying us of an administrative complaint filed against the Nick Smith for Congress Committee ("NSFC") by John Anthony La Pietra ("Complainant"). Your letter states that the complaint "indicates that the National Republican Congressional Committee . . . may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971." In fact the complaint indicates no such thing.

As the Commission knows, national party committees such as the NRCC can contribute up to \$5,000 per candidate, per election. Complainant identifies \$376.35 in NRCC contributions to NSFC. These contributions were timely and accurately reported by the NRCC and do not come close to exceeding the limits of the Act. There are no allegations of wrongdoing in this matter to which this Committee needs to respond.

The NRCC looks forward to your prompt dismissal of this MUR. Please feel free to contact me at (202) 479-7069 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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